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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Mamoru Kuzuya, et al.

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For: AXLE HOUSING ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 21, 2004, for which a three month shortened statutory period for response expires October 21, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.